

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes a change to FIG. 99. This sheet, which includes only FIG. 99, replaces the original sheet including only FIG. 99. In Figure 99, a reference to FIG. 85 has been added inside block 9910, in strict accordance with the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Election/Restriction dated September 2, 2005, Claims 1-23 remain in this application. No claims have been amended, canceled or added.

Claims 1-23 were subjected to a restriction and/or election requirement.

In amended Figure 99, a reference to FIG. 85 has been added inside block 9910, in strict accordance with the specification.

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention and applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claims are finally held to be allowable:

I. The embodiment of Figure 1; II. The embodiment of Figure 9; III. The embodiment of Figure 10; IV. The embodiment of Figure 12; V. The embodiment of Figure 13; VI. The embodiment of Figure 14; VII. The embodiment of Figure 15; VIII. The embodiment of Figure 16; IX. The embodiment of Figure 17A; X. The embodiment of Figure 17B; XI. The embodiment of Figure 18; XII. The embodiment of Figure 20; XIII. The embodiment of Figure 21; XIV. The embodiment of Figure 22; XV. The embodiment of Figure 23; XVI. The embodiment of Figure 24; XVII. The embodiment of Figure 26; XVIII. The embodiment of Figure 27; XIX. The embodiment of Figure 28A; XX. The embodiment of Figure 28B; XXI. The embodiment of Figure 29; XXII. The embodiment of Figure 32; XXIII. The embodiment of Figure 33; XXIV. The embodiment of Figure 34; XXV. The embodiment of Figure 35; XXVI. The embodiment of Figure 36; XXVII. The embodiment of Figure 37; XXVIII. The embodiment of Figure 38; XXIX. The embodiment of Figure 39; XXX. The embodiment of Figure 40; XXXI. The embodiment

of Figure 41; XXXII. The embodiment of Figure 42; XXXIII. The embodiment of Figure 43; XXXIV. The embodiment of Figure 44; XXXV. The embodiment of Figure 67; XXXVI. The embodiment of Figure 78; XXXVII. The embodiment of Figure 84; XXXVIII. The embodiment of Figure 85; XXXIX. The embodiment of Figure 88; XL. The embodiment of Figure 89A; and XLI. The embodiment of Figure 93.

It is respectfully noted that each figure of the choices of species (identified only by Figure number) offered in the Restriction Requirement in the Official Action of September 2, 2005 fails to include more than one reactor in the drawing. However, all of the pending claims require more than one wafer processing apparatus or reactor. Specifically, the only drawing depicting more than one reactor is FIG. 99, and this Figure number is not included in the choices presented to the applicant by the Commissioner. Accordingly, applicants cannot choose any of the species presented in the Official Action. Therefore, applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the basis that an improper set of choices is presented.

Applicant wishes to elect the species of FIG. 99, which was not offered. Assuming the Examiner will allow this, the claims reading on this drawing are Claims 1-23. This is because, in part, block 9910 in FIG. 99, as amended in the drawings amendment submitted contemporaneously with this response, explicitly incorporates FIG. 85 in strict accordance with the specification, and FIG. 85 explicitly incorporates FIG. 87.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully requested that the restriction of the claims be withdrawn.

If, However, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner should telephone Robert Wallace at (805) 644-4035 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

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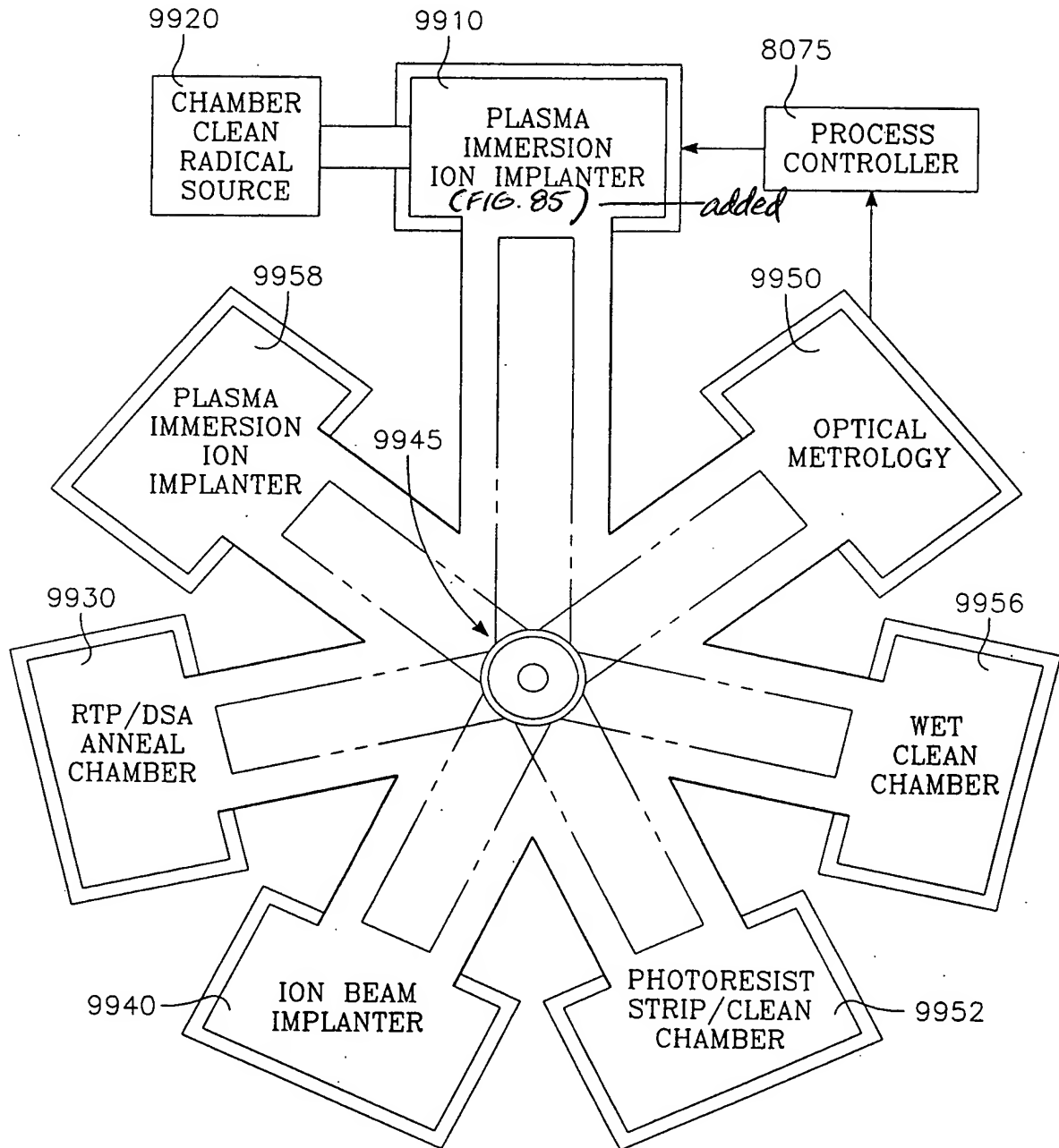


FIG. 99

